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California Department of Water Resources Division of Integrated Regional Water Management Financial Assistance Branch Attn: Keith Wallace Post Office Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236

Dear Mr. Wallace:

On behalf of the Regional Water Management Group participants in the Tulare Lake Basin Portion of Kern County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Kern IRWM Plan), I submit this letter thanking you for your 100% funding recommendation of the region's Round 2 Implementation Grant application.

I wholeheartedly support DWR's recommendation and strongly urge you to maintain the Kern Region's recommended funding level at 100%.

The five proposed projects in this application will provide tremendous value to the region improving water use efficiency, water quality, flood management and infrastructure, and providing for attendant benefits to local disadvantaged communities. Additionally, the maintenance of your recommended 100% funding level is especially critical to projects like that of the City of Arvin in my district which suffers from a disproportionate amount of socio-economically disadvantaged residents. Without full funding, the city would have no other provision to remedy a long-standing flood problem on the city's south side.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andy Vidak

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